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MAKING SHOWER CURTAINS MILDEW-RESISTANT

"In less than an hour a homemaker can give an ordinary shower curtain a treatment that will make it mildew-resistant," states Margaret Furry of the Bureau of Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture.

In homes where shower curtains are likely to mildew quickly, a simple treatment suggested by Miss Furry can be a real money saver. This treatment requires no special equipment. Only a good laundry soap and crystals of cadmium chloride, available at drug stores, are needed.

Miss Furry gives the method below.

"Have the cloth thoroughly clean. Heat it in a solution of 1 to 2 ounces of soap to a gallon of water. About 1-1/2 gallons will cover an average-sized shower curtain. Heat 20 minutes, remove the cloth, and squeeze out excess soap.

"Put the wet cloth into a second solution of cadmium chloride crystals, 3 ounces to a gallon of water. About 1-1/2 gallons is required. Heat for about 30 minutes, wring out, and dry without rinsing. Hang to dry on a twine line (a metal line may stain the fabric)."

This treatment does not affect the color of the curtain, and it lasts until the next laundering.